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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Photo Lab Color Capability

25X1 1. On 3 June, I contacted [] Chief, PSG/RD to obtain information on present and future photo lab capabilities, capacities, and requirements and to ascertain what new equipment would need to be acquired or developed for his facilities.

25X1 2. [] stated that he had assigned personnel to the task of inventorying and listing color capabilities and equipment of all types and forms for an evaluation of the lab's present color capabilities. This task is to be completed by 9-10 June 1969 and forwarded to [] as directed. 25X1

25X1 3. [] also stated that his present requirement is to provide photo support service for NPIC only, and that he reproduces only a few rolls of film per month. He stated that he is really not a production 25X1 laboratory. [] NRTSC, and AFSPPF Westover, are presently production facilities for reconnaissance roll film both black and white and color. Although there has been a lot of talk around about possible heavy photo reproduction requirements for NPIC, he has had no task from NPIC management to even plan for such an event. If such were the case, a whole new facility would be required, as it would be completely beyond the scope of the present laboratory.

4. With reference to the 15,000 feet of color film scheduled to arrive at NPIC this summer, outside of being tasked to list his present color capability he has no indication as to what his photo lab requirements will be. He has no indication as to whether he will be required to support the community or just the Center, if this would be roll-to-roll or selected chips, or even paper prints. As it stands, [] is able only to give his present capabilities. When he knows his future tasks, volume, and response times, he can plan what his equipment and personnel requirements will be. 25X1

25X1 5. [] said that [] personnel have been sent to survey his lab and recommend color equipment and materials, however, he doesn't know how they could recommend anything until they know what his future requirements will be. Additionally, he is certain that they will recommend [] materials and equipment for his lab. In ending, [] 25X1 stated that, as always, he looked for DED personnel to recommend the latest

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and best material and equipment and provide R&D to advance the state-of-the-art. But until he gets some directions from NPIC management he can make no specific plans.

25X1 6. As the above dialogue indicates, it would be useless to continue to prevail upon [] on his group on this subject at this time. However communication channels will be kept open for a change in the situation in the near future. Meanwhile, the undersigned is gathering information on the latest color material and equipment and is coming up-to-speed on the state-of-the-art in color processing to be fully prepared for Center support in the near future.

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